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there would be as I suggested earlier. I think that Sarpy County's last reappraisal, or their land values are pretty much based upon 1963, so I can guess that there would be some changes there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. It is difficult for me to respond to, not Senator DeCamp's state aid bill, but to several people out in the lobby who have been here over a week, it is a state aid bill that was introduced by a former Senator here on this floor, and if it were DeCamp's bill he would know how it affected Lodgepole because that is the one town that we always talked about. Lodgepole and Chappell. Nothing is so unequal as the attempt to equal...to make equal treatment to unequals. This is what we are attempting to do here. We are attempting to answer a very complex problem for the very simple answer and that is to merely count heads and distribute money on that basis. The rich remain rich and the poor get poorer. Those without programs will have less programs. There is nothing so horrible as a school system who has to go with the minimum programs simply because they are levying more taxes and spending more in their effort than that district which is rich. Senator DeCamp refuses to talk to you about what this bill would do. In Section one, the classroom teacher's mentioned in this context could include principles and superintendents who teach at least one class. So, they would be included in the incentive program. In Section Three, in line 17-18 the school finance and transportation fund. He mentions here again in relation to foundation incentive there appears to be an inconsistency between these two fund names. If there is not inconsistency I ask Senator DeCamp to make it very clear. In Section Five, reference to Section Eight which includes resident and non-resident attending either public or private schools. He puts them as a part of a definition of ADM, and then of course you pay the \$80 on ADM for transportation. Does that include those students attending private schools as well? The word school foundation and equalization in Section Six are actually meaningless. Because, 79-1330 is repealed by this amendment. Section Seven, lines 12-13. There is no priority here in relation to Section five and transportation and a number of other items. There is complete confusion in Section Three, it precludes interpretation and I dare him to interpret it for me. It is not clear what has first priority since all that Section Three states is that the Legislature may appropriate the funds but Section Three does not state how these funds will be distributed. Section Eight, this section states that any funds appropriated for school finance and transportation act would be distributed on an ADM basis per district. As this reads all funds appropriated will be distributed and it is difficult to discern how high an incentive or transportation will receive any funding. Additionally this appears to provide a level of funding